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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3020  
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
DATE 2006

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#12 846

9 February 1956

TO: 128.h

FROM: 849

SUBJECT: Ion MARGARIT ✓

REF: 128.h Memo #14992, dated 27 December 1955

1. U. S. Intelligence has no interest in Subject and no objection to your blocking his entry into the Federal Republic. If you have any information you are able to pass to us concerning the reason you are blocking Subject's entry into the Federal Republic, we would appreciate receiving this information since Subject periodically comes to the attention of Western Intelligence and will undoubtedly continue to do so. We assume that Subject's connection to Titi CONSTANTINESCU also weighs in his disfavor as far as your organization is concerned, since it is fairly well established that CONSTANTINESCU is in contact with the URM.

2. 843's query to 123 on Subject last October was based on a report that CONSTANTINESCU and Subject had been involved with the URM, and that Subject had attempted to sound out for recruitment a source of U.S. Intelligence. This attempt, however, has not been repeated to date, and apparently Subject lost interest. It was determined at that time that Subject is in close contact with Father Ion GURZA (GURZA). GURZA as you know was very close to Father Ion MAGGARA, a known Rumanian agent who went back to Rumania in December 1955. GURZA was also involved at one time with the kidnapping ring of the late Benno MUM which was alleged to have connections with the Soviets, and was involved in a blackmarket ring allegedly shipping American cigarettes into Hungary which was also reported to have contacts with the Hungarian and/or Soviet services.

3. In view of GURZA's connections with Father MAGGARA and the Rumanian Legation in Vienna, plus his ties with Subject, American Intelligence wondered at the time if the approach to the American source was not an attempt by the Rumanian Legation to pick up on additional informant. For this reason we would appreciate any additional information available to you that would confirm a connection between Subject and the Rumanian Legation in Vienna.

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